

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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December 11, 2000

VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

Petitioners and Parties of Record
(See attached service list.)

IN RE: Universal Service for Rural Areas - The Generic Docket

Docket No. 00-00523

Any party in the above-styled matter desiring to file objections or comments regarding the attached Petition to Intervene filed by **ALLTEL Communications, Inc.** on December 8, 2000, must file such with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority no later than **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 19, 2000**, in order to be considered by the Hearing Officer.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.


Director Melvin J. Malone,
Hearing Officer

Attachment

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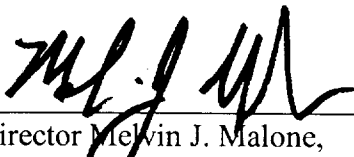
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Re: **In Re: Generic Docket Addressing Rural Universal Service**
Docket No. 00-00523

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed please find for filing an original and fourteen copies of the Petition to Intervene of ALLTEL Communications, Inc. in the above-styled case. Please mark filed the extra copy enclosed and return to me.

I have enclosed a check for \$25.00 for the filing fee. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Donald L. Scholles

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Enclosures

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TN REGULATORY AUTHORITY

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE:

**GENERIC DOCKET ADDRESSING
RURAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE**

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DOCKET NO. 00-00523

**PETITION OF ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

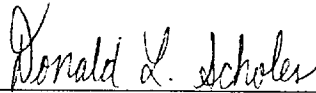
ALLTEL Communications, Inc. ("Petitioner"), pursuant to § 4-5-310 and § 65-2-107 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority for leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of this petition, Petitioner states as follows:

1. Petitioner is certified to provide competitive local exchange services and intrastate interexchange services in the State of Tennessee. Petitioner provides wireless communications services in the State of Tennessee.
2. The subject of this proceeding, universal service for rural areas, and the outcome of this proceeding directly affects the Petitioner's interests and business practices in the State of Tennessee.
3. Therefore, Petitioner seeks to intervene in this proceeding to ensure that its interests are represented as they relate to this matter.
4. Petitioner's interests will not be adequately represented unless allowed to intervene in this proceeding.
5. Petitioner's participation will not impair the interest of justice or the orderly

and prompt conduct of these proceedings.

Based on the foregoing considerations, Petitioner urges the Tennessee Regulatory Authority to grant the request for intervention.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Donald L. Scholes".

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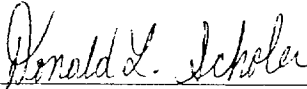
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